1. Read together!

Read aloud to your children every day. They are never too young or too old to be read to. Choose story books with bright and colourful pictures so that children can relate what they hear with what they see. Here are some summer themed stories! Remember you might be able to find lots more at your local library or British Council centre! Books with CDs are a fantastic resource, especially if you are going on a long drive!

- Sharing a shell
- Spot goes to the Beach
- Peppa goes camping
- A day at the beach (Dora the Explorer)
- Commotion in the ocean

At the end of the booklet there are some ideas for questions to ask your child as you read together. Remember to give your opinion too so that your child doesn’t feel they are being tested! Say things like “I really like this page, I like all the different colours and shapes”.

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2. Go online together!

- Help your children access interactive websites especially relevant to young learners. There are many free and useful English websites for kids, like the British Council’s Learn English kids http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/

- You can allocate a fixed time every day to spend with your children looking at the websites together. Here are some great ideas for summer activities from the British Council’s Learn English kids site!

**LearnEnglish Kids**

**a) Games:**


- Beach - listen & paint http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/paint-it/beach


- Sea animals – find the pairs (memory) http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/find-the-pairs/sea-animals

**b) Songs:**


**c) Stories:**


d) Football activities (World Cup):

- We’re going to win song: http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/were-going-win

Some other good sites for summer fun are:

- Summer Words: http://www.anglomaniacy.pl/summerTopic.htm
- Summer Crafts: http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/summer-crafts
- Summer recipes: http://www.craftjr.com/summer-easy-recipes/
- ‘Spot sheets’ – you can print these out. There are a number of items kids have to find in different places, e.g. the airport, and tick them off: http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/presenters/makes/presenters-airportspotsheet

3. Watch some TV together!

Children can learn a lot by watching TV in an interactive way (link to article on Let’s Clan http://www.rtve.es/infantil/noticias/aprender-ingles-television-refuerzo-fundamental/691100.shtml). Remember make watching TV just like reading a book together. Talk about what you can see, what’s going to happen, does your child like this episode etc.

There are lots of tips and advice on the Let’s Clan website on how to help your child enjoy and learn at the same time while watching favourites like Peppa Pig, Noddy and Ben and Holly in English. (link to http://www.rtve.es/television/lets-clan/).
4. Word games, great for learning while you travel together!

Children get easily tired on long journeys so here are some ideas to help them enjoy travelling!

- **Pictionary**: This is a great way of practising English with your child. You could practise words which your child has learned over the past year (for example animals, school vocabulary, body, sports, food,...) Draw a picture and if your child guesses correctly then he or she wins a star! Take turns so that you also have to guess the word! Another variation of the game is to print out some picture cards or use picture cards from another game. One player chooses a card, has to draw it and the other player has to guess what the picture is in English.

- **I spy / Guess the word**: Think of a Word (or something you can see) and give your child a clue about the word eg I spy something beginning with “a” or make it simpler “I spy something green/blue/yellow/big/small/…”. Take turns at guessing!

- **Word chains**: This is a categories type game. Think of a category and take turns of saying words in the category (eg colours, Let's Clan characters, things you can see at the zoo, things I can see from the car etc). Remember no words can be repeated! The winner is the one who doesn’t repeat any words. When you finish with one category move on to the next!

- **Bingo**: print out some game sheets with pictures or simple grids which children can complete with their own numbers or pictures if you are going to play word bingo. You can print off ready made Bingo games here (http://www.toolsforeducators.com/bingo/) or just print off the template at the end of this booklet!

5. Make a Summer scrapbook together!

Time flies during the summer holidays so a great way of remembering the fun times is to make a scrapbook with your child. A notebook will do or you can make your own from scratch and decorate the front cover with your child. You can fill your summer scrapbook with photos and drawings of the summer.

Remember the most important thing is to have fun while you learn with your child this Summer!

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EXTRAS

1. Some Reading questions

- What's he doing?
- What's she doing?
- What are they doing?
- Where is he?
- What colour is that?
- Is he big or small?
- Is he happy?
- Do you like ….?
- What's his name?
- How many .......... are there?
- What can you see?
- What's that?
- What's she wearing?.
- Are they friends?
- Are they Brothers/sisters?
- Do you like it?
- Which bit did you like the best?
- What happened in the story?
- What happened in the end?

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2. Bingo grid template

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